

HOUSE _____ AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered By _____

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 667, Page 1, In the Title, Line 9, by inserting after the word "provisions" the phrase "and an emergency clause for a certain section"; and

Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Line 9, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"173.1400. 1. The state of Missouri hereby authorizes accredited Missouri colleges and universities to issue on behalf of the state a document of school social work program verification and acknowledgment of completion to any individual who has obtained a degree in social work from an accredited college or university and who:

(1) Holds a credential in school social work issued by a nationally recognized credentialing organization in social work; or

(2) Demonstrates competency in school social work by successful passage of a school social worker examination approved by the state committee for social workers established in section 337.622 and administered by the accredited college or university.

2. The department of higher education shall develop a form, available upon request to Missouri colleges and universities, containing the following information:

(1) The words "State of Missouri";

(2) The seal of the state of Missouri;

(3) A place for inclusion of the name of the issuing accredited Missouri college or university awarding the document;

(4) A statement of the criteria outlined in subsection 1 of this section;

(5) A place for inclusion of the name of the individual who has applied for the school social work program verification and acknowledgment of completion;

(6) A place for inclusion of the date of issuance;

(7) A place for the signatures of a college or university official and an official from the state department of higher education; and

(8) A footnote stating: "No person shall hold himself or herself out to be a social worker

1 unless such person has met the requirements of section 337.604."

2 3. The accredited Missouri college or university may issue a document on the state's
3 behalf to any person making application as a credentialed school social worker provided such
4 person meets the qualifications contained in this section."; and

5 Further amend said bill, Pages 2 and 3, Section 337.647, Lines 1 to 27, by deleting all of
6 said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 "337.647. 1. The committee shall develop a school social work program verification and
8 acknowledgment of completion for individuals who have met the requirements set forth in this
9 section.

10 2. The committee shall issue a document similar to the document described in subsection
11 2 of section 173.1400 to any individual who:

12 (1) Submits an application to the board;

13 (2) Holds a credential in school social work issued by a nationally recognized
14 credentialing organization in social work, or demonstrates competency in school social work by
15 successful passage of a school social worker exam approved by the committee;

16 (3) Holds a license issued by the committee; and

17 (4) Submits the fee as required by rule of the committee.

18 3. The committee shall promulgate rules and shall charge fees necessary to implement this
19 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created
20 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
21 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
22 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant
23 to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
24 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed
25 or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.

26 4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any school social work program
27 verification and acknowledgment of completion issued by the committee under subsection 2 of
28 this section shall not be deemed a license, certificate, registration or permit for any purpose, and
29 such documents convey no authority to practice social work in Missouri and convey no authority
30 to use any social work title in Missouri. Each school social work program verification and
31 acknowledgment of completion issued by the committee under subsection 2 of this section shall
32 state on its face that it:

33 (1) Is not a license, certificate, registration or permit;

34 (2) Conveys no authority to practice social work in Missouri; and

35 (3) Conveys no authority to use any social work title in Missouri.

36 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, school social work program

1 verification and acknowledgment of completion issued by the committee under subsection 2 of
2 this section shall not:

3 (1) Expire;

4 (2) Be subject to renewal;

5 (3) Be subject to denial or discipline under section 337.630;

6 (4) Be subject to suspension under section 324.010; or (5) Be subject to any other
7 action to which professional licenses may be subjected."; and

8 Further amend said bill, Page 34, Section 339.1240, Line 11, by inserting after all of said
9 line the following:

10 "Section B. Because of the need to provide school social work program verification and
11 acknowledgement of completion before the start of the 2012-2013 school year, the enactment of
12 section 173.1400 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
13 health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the
14 meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 173.1400 of this act shall be in full force
15 and effect upon its passage."; and

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17 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
18 accordingly.